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Silent Lie Detector

CIA in Market For Wiggle Seat Chairs

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the polygraph machine and the 'wiggle seat'."

seat." which must rank as one goes back at least five years, of the most unusual and expen-according to reliable sources. sive chairs in the history of It could not be learned whethsive chairs in the history of It could not be learned wheth-furniture, is being developed un- er the "wiggle seat" has been der the direction of the Central put to work by the nation's in-Intelligence Agency.

This electronic device looks like an ordinary office chair. But the unwary person who innocently takes a seat and be-panies, who hold research and gins to answer questions may amination.

The project, in which both the CIA and the equally sensi-just put on the market a detive National Security, Agency vice called MediScreen which officially secret. A CIA spokes- definition of a "wiggle seat." man, when asked about it, declined to comment.

Pushing for Device

But several sources have conindustry through the Defense Department, is pushing development box protrudes from the ment of the device.

The matter squirmed into public view as the Senate was de-must keep his hands in conbating Sen. Sam J. Ervin's "bill tact with metal plates on the of rights" for government emarms of the chair. ployes. The bill, which passed This device, w ployes. The bill, which passed This device, which costs the Senate 79 to 4, sharply lim- \$5250, is offered by Philco for its the use of lie-detector, or a variety of medical diagnostic polygraph, tests by government tests that might be performed agencies, including CIA and in a hospital, clinic or private NSA.

Ervin, D-N.C., who is scornful of polygraph tests and refers to them a 20th century But a Philco brochure, which witchcraft," told the Senate mentions the lie-detector applithat the CIA was developing "a cation only in passing, does emlie-detecting machine by means phasize: "Nothing intrudes on of which a person can be tested the serenity of the setting. The without his knowledge."

In an exchange with Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D.-Texas, Ervin quipped, "If the senator has any contact with the CIA, he had before he corofil as the corofil as he had better be careful of rector of market planning in where he sits. . it grieves me Washington, confirmed that the to think that the security of the company is exploring ways to United States is in the hands adapt the MediScreen device so

telligence agencies.

Philco Product

But a number of private comdevelopment contracts from then be subjected, without his the Defense Department, are knowledge, to a lie-detector ex-known to be working on aspects of the problem.

The Philco-Ford Corp. has have shown intense interest, is comes close to fitting Ervin's

The new Philco product, developed under contracts with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) firmed that the CIA, through and the Air Force, looks like an contracts channeled to private ordinary cushioned office chair -with one exception. An instru-

And the person being tested

doctor's office.

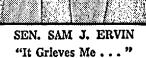
No Straps

patient does not see, much less

of men who place their faith in the unknowing subject of a polygraph test would think he was sitting in an ordinary chair.

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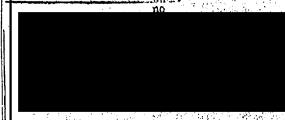
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company what Sen. Ervin called he "wiggle seat" is Space/Deense Corp. of Birmingham. Aich.

Malcolm Ross, the firm's president, said the company had developed a workable poly

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